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 Confirmation No: 1246 Examiner: Darwin P. Erez
 Filed: December 13, 1999 Date: June 24, 2004

For: Endotracheal Catheter And Manifold Assembly With Improved Valve

Petition for One-Month Extension of Time

Commissioner For Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Office Action which, on its face, granted a three (3) month period of time in which to respond thereto was mailed on March 9, 2004, with respect to the above-identified presently pending application. Accordingly, the shortened statutory period for response was set to end on June 9, 2004.

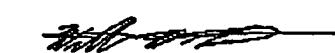
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, the period of response is to be extended until July .

Please charge the \$110.00 fee for this extension of time designated by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. This extension request is submitted in duplicate.

The undersigned may be reached at: (770) 5877183.

Respectfully submitted,

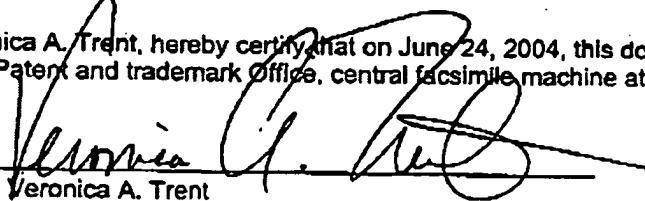
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